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### Town Selects Its Next HR Director

The Town of Garner has named B.D. Sechler to serve as the next human resources director beginning June 1.

Sechler has 21 years of experience in human resources at six different private-sector employers. He has worked as an HR professional in various roles for Data General, Fairlane Motor Credit, IIS, Nortel, Visiting International Fellows (VIF) and Qimonda.

He left the human resources profession about six years ago after overseeing massive layoffs for Qimonda as a result of the company's bankruptcy. In 2009, Sechler helped open up a new location of Raleigh Running Outfitters in Cary as a sales associate. He is looking to return to the human resources profession and sees the position with the Town as an ideal opportunity.

Sechler's educational credentials include a master's degree in labor and industrial relations and bachelor's degree in business, both from Michigan State University. He is a native of Birmingham, Mich., but has lived mostly in Wake County since 1988.

Sechler was selected as the top candidate after an extensive two-day assessment center with seven semi-finalists—designed and facilitated by Developmental Associates, LLC—and after completing a second panel interview round for three finalists. There were 134 applicants for the HR director vacancy.

"Sechler is highly regarded by his colleagues," Town Manager Hardin Watkins said. "All of the comments I received included very positive words such as 'genuine,' 'authentic,' 'easy to talk to,' 'honest,' 'even-keeled,' 'down to earth,' 'humble' and 'trustworthy.'"

"The Town is excited about his arrival on June 1, and we look forward to very promising results from him as our next Human Resources Department leader," Watkins said.

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On a personal note, Sechler is an avid runner and cyclist and has completed four 100-mile runs and over 40 marathons. He has been associated with the Raleigh Galloway running club for 10 years.

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